

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES GRANTS

Authorization: ss. 23.22 (2)(c), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 198, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: 2004-2005 Fiscal Year = \$500,000

Objective: To control aquatic invasive species aquatic invasive species (AIS) in lakes and rivers and their ecosystems.

Eligibility: Any entity that is eligible for a State Lake or River grant is also eligible for an AIS grant.

Level of Assistance: 50% of project costs up to a maximum grant amount of \$75,000, except for Early Detection and Rapid Response projects which are eligible for a maximum grant amount of 50% of project costs up to a maximum grant amount of \$10,000.

Priorities: Priorities are set on a statewide basis (see s. NR 198, Wis. Admin. Code) and consider the following factors:

- ◆ The degree to which the project includes a prevention and control strategy.
- ◆ The degree to which the project prevents the spread of aquatic invasive species.
- ◆ The degree to which the project results in long-term control.
- ◆ The degree to which the project protects or improves the aquatic ecosystem's diversity, ecological stability or recreational uses.
- ◆ The degree to which the project complements other management efforts.
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Eligible Types of Projects: Grants are available for the education, prevention and planning projects; early detection and rapid response projects; or established infestation control projects.

Applications: From DNR regional Lake Coordinators or DNR regional Environmental Grants Specialists. Applications need to be received in the regional offices by May 1 of each year.

Contacts: For questions about eligible projects, contact the appropriate DNR regional Lake Coordinator; see pages 92-93. For questions about eligible project costs, contact the appropriate DNR regional Environmental Grants Specialists; see pages 95-98.

Website: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cfa/bureau/programs.html>
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